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# 9 FAM 41.56 ATHLETES, ARTISTS, AND ENTERTAINERS

1. **Summary of Changes**
    - This CT updates 9 FAM 41.56 Regs/Statutes by adding language from INA 214(c) in order to provide more complete information about visas for athletes, artists, and entertainers.
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